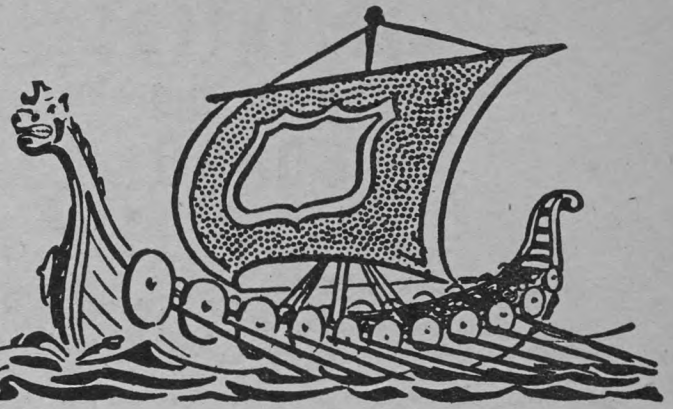




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FLIGHTS A-GO-GO

PICNIC JULY 1st

Annual Event Nearer At Hand

The annual "Scandinavian Day" has come around again and the biggest happening is the Picnic.

The Scandinavian Day will be different from previous years, the most important of which is the location of the Picnic. It will be held at Victoria Park in Edmonton. Previously it was held out of town at Vasa Park on Pigeon Lake south of the city.

Victoria Park is located just north of River Valley Rd. between Groat Bridge on the west and The Royal Glenora Club on the east. The actual picnic sites are 4 and 5. See the map accompanying the advertisement of The Scandinavian Day Picnic on page 6.

A varied program of activities is planned as usual.

At 1:00 p.m. there will be Horse Shoe and Fastball Tournaments. They will start on time as at 2 o'clock there will be a Stage Show which we hope no one will miss. Included will be the introduction of the Scandinavian Queen '71 candidates and the winning Queen.

At 3 o'clock Races of all kinds will take place as well as games

for those who wish to participate. Then the crowning event of the day is at 5 o'clock when there will be a Pot Luck Supper. There will be refreshments as well for the kiddies including hot dogs.

It's the usual good old Scandinavian Day Outing so pack your picnic basket and come along to an Old Fashioned Picnic.

Last year it rained and had to be postponed, but this year under the direction of Ellsworth Halberg, if that occurs (the rain, that is) things will just pack up and go over to The Scandinavian Centre at 14220 125 Ave. where there is a non-leaky roof.

See you there!

Scandinavian Queen Crowning

The annual event of the crowning of The Scandinavian Queen will take place on June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Viking Room of The Scandinavian Centre.

The Miss Scandinavian Queen contest will have five beautiful and lovely girls vying for the honours. Each contestant represents their respective country chosen from the five different ethnic organizations in the city.

Miss Susan Sorenson will represent Denmark and comes from the Danish Society "Dania".

Miss Doris Liimatainen will represent Finland and comes from the Finnish Society.

Miss Bonnie Halldorson (daughter of ex-Scandinavian Centre director Bill Halldorson) will represent Iceland and comes from the Icelandic Society.

Miss Laurel Hafso (daughter of the president of the Sons of Norway "Solglyt" Stan Hafso) will represent Norway.

Miss Fay Holmlund (19-year-old University student) will represent Sweden and comes from the Swedish Society.

A cordial invitation is extended from the Cultural Chairman of The Scandinavian Centre Margaret Cameron to all members and friends. She sincerely hopes you will come out and support these girls. An entertaining evening is planned and coffee will be served. There will be no charge.

It is hoped that the ladies will assist Mrs. Cameron and her committee by coming and bringing some cookies or dainties for the coffee table. Contact Mrs. Cameron at phone No. 455-2064 if you can help.

DID YOU LOSE YOUR BEER MUG?

Several persons were kind enough to loan their beer mugs and steins for a scene in "Scandapades '71" but some of these were not picked up afterward. Anyone who is missing their stein would they contact Margaret Cameron, phone No. 455-2064. They are all safe but need an owner.

CHARTER FLIGHTS ON THE WAY

Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight No. 35 (Wardair Flight No. 564) left Edmonton International Airport at Nisku at 8:30 on the evening of May 28 loaded with happy Scandinavian holidayers. The Boeing 707 lifted off and headed directly to Kastrup Airport at Copenhagen. Arrival time in Denmark was 12:50 noon the next day, May 29.

At the airport to see that everything went according to schedule was Flight Director Paul Karvonen, Flight Manager Les Morris and Scandinavian Travel Department Manager Maurice Saad. Aboard the plane accompanying the passengers was Group Leader Peggy Norgaard who will be in charge during the flight. Husband Erik and son Peter also are taking the trip which they had planned since Jan. 5.

They will all return approximately six weeks later on July 13 - arrival time 2:25 in the afternoon at the Edmonton International Airport.

Scandinavian Centre Flight No. 36 (Air Canada Flight No. CO 70) will be leaving for Stockholm, Sweden, on June 10 - departure time from International Airport (Nisku) 5:20 p.m. - estimated arrival time at Stockholm Arlanda Airport will be 10:25 on the morning of June 11.

Those leaving on the flight should check in at the Air Canada Counter at the International Airport (Nisku) at least 1½ hours prior to the scheduled departure time, which would be 3:50 p.m. June 10. Maurice Saad of the Scandinavian Travel Department will be there to distribute your tickets, and weighing in of your baggage will take place.

It is to be noted that it is the passenger's own responsibility to get to the airports on time. Do not get left behind. Allow ample time between your flights and connecting planes, trains and coaches. Remember to take your passport and certificate of vaccination. You will not be taken aboard without these.

There are still a few seats available for Flight No. 36 to Stockholm. If you wish to go, or know of anyone who does, send in your reservation form from the paper or contact Les Morris at the Scandinavian Centre or Maurice Saad, 210 McLeod Bldg., phone 429-0891.

Flight No. 37 is scheduled to leave for Oslo, Norway July 14 and returning Aug. 10. Seats are available for this flight also.

The Charter Flights were planned a year ago while Esko Salo was Flight Director. Mr. Salo has since moved to Dawson Creek. Gunnar Thorvaldson took over the flight directorship from Mr. Salo. Mr. Thorvaldson had to give up his part as publicity director for Scandapades '71 to do so. Then after the last elections, Mr. Thorvaldson became President of the Centre and Paul Karvonen took over the reins as Flight Director.

The following is a list of persons going to Copenhagen on Flight No. 35.

Multi-Culturism For Alberta

A major cultural policy that will aim at giving "concrete expression to the philosophy of multi-culturalism" is being prepared for Alberta, Premier Strom said recently.

He said the policy will be developed by a task force, the objectives and organizations of which will be determined after consultation with representatives of all ethnic groups at a special conference to be held "in a few months."

At the present time, a position paper, upon which the conference will focus, is being prepared, the premier said.

The policy will be formulated under the new department of youth, culture, and recreation.

Premier Strom said the policy and Bill 95, an amendment to the School Act, now before the legislature which includes "a provision for equal rights of all languages with French," represent "concrete steps being taken by the government to

fulfil its pledge of creating a unity of diversity."

If Bill 95 is approved, the Premier said, any school board will be able to authorize all or any of its schools to implement instruction in a language, other than English, for part of the school day.

For Grades 1 and 2 the course could take all but one hour of the day. And for Grades 3 through 12, it could be as much as one-half of the day. There will be provision, however, for more instruction in English for those whose parents request it.

Mr. Strom went on to list "the kind of things we have in mind" for inclusion into the new cultural policy:

"We could allocate money to one or more universities to develop an interdisciplinary centre for the study of the history of various ethnic groups in Canada - particularly in

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The Centre Celebrates Seven Successful Years - June 20, '71

By Sigurd A. Sorenson — Honorary President

June 20, 1971 is the seventh anniversary of the formal opening of the Scandinavian Centre, June 20, 1964.

It was a great day, for it was the climax of eleven years of dedicated work by many Scandinavians. A dream had come true, a beautiful centre had been erected; it was the first step, a good beginning.

After seven years, it is time to take a good look at our accomplishments. How well have we fulfilled the objective of a truly cultural Centre, where the Edmonton community can come and enjoy the music, the food and the spirit of Scandinavia?

Some attempt has been made by the five associated clubs to develop cultural activities. There have been language classes, folk dancing and choirs. This is encouraging, but I think we must all agree that much more could be done.

The Smorgasbord is of Scandinavian origin, and the Centre should be the place where you could take your family for the real Smorgasbord - the best in the city of Edmonton. The music of Scandinavia

should fill the Scandinavian Centre at all times. Much more could be done in decore. The idea of a salon for each of the Scandinavian countries should be followed through, but before we consider any expansion of the Centre, we must make better use of the present facilities.

The Charter Flight Program has been very successful, but today we have many competing groups, and we must be strong to survive. A vigorous publicity program is needed, extending our beloved Scandinavian News to more and more Scandinavians in Western Canada.

Speaking of the Scandinavian News, the board is to be commended for moving it to the Centre, and engaging an excellent editor in Mr. Les Morris.

During the seven years, Scandapades has become a firmly rooted cultural tradition. The first was staged March 20, 1954 in the South Side Legion Hall before the Jubilee Auditorium was built.

During the program, there was a skit portraying the building of the

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Claus Jacobsen

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN PICNIC

Thursday, July 1 is the date for this year's Annual Scandinavian Picnic. It will be held in the city at Victoria Park, sites 4 & 5.

There will be a horseshoe tournament, fastball, tug-o-war, rolling pin throw, naildriving, etc.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to The Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW every Saturday morning at 10:30 - 790 kc on your AM dial.

The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Gary Johnson will be giving the report in June. If you have something of interest for the broadcast, give Gary a call at 489-3808 or 422-8384.

The report during July will be given by Ellsworth Halberg.

A Pot Luck Supper will be at 5:00 p.m. If rained out, the Supper will be held at the Centre.

NEW CENTRE MANAGER

A new manager has been hired at the Centre and he is 41-year-old David A. Paling.



GARY JOHNSON

Passenger List

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Borg and Carrel Alden, Mrs. Ruth Anfinson, Thomas and Helen Bury, Janne Carlson, Anders Christensen, Chris Christensen, Esther M. Christensen, Karen Christensen, Viggo and Hilda Christensen, Winnie C. Christensen, Miss J. Clock, Louis and Ellen Diepold, Mrs. Lilly Elander, Sven Eliason, Nels Ellestad, Mrs. Ester Flaska, Jostein and Edwin Fosheim, Mrs. Laura Frang, Miss Elizabeth Garrett, Mrs. Vera Geishirt and Michelle, Mr. E. M. Grunholm, Jens and Elizabeth Hansen and Sven, Erik, Bente and Nels, Kaj Hansen, Kim and Dennis, Halfdan and Jenny Haug, Mr. and Mrs. Hans R. Henriksen, William and Mark, Carol Ann Hnesley, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hodgetts, James Howell, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jacobsen and Cindy Gail, Erik Jensen, Kaj Jensen, Mrs. Karen M. E. Jensen, John Johannesen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johansen, and Sven, Eskild Johnsen, Carl Johnsrud, Mrs. Pia Jones, and two babies, Mr. and Mrs. Borge Jorgensen, Kim and Tony, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jorgensen, Anselm Karlsson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Keith, Mrs. Nick Klem, and two children, Miss Bonnie Ruth Knowlton, John Koivuneva, Miss Anne M. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Henning Larsen, Anne-Marie and Anne-Grete, Mrs. Marjatta Laurrell, Miss Barbara McKay, Henry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mogensen, Laila and Brian, Mrs. K. Mogensen, Mr. and Mrs. Ainar Mortensen, Olaf Nelson, Else Marie Nielsen, Mrs. Mary Louise Nielsen, Eric and Glen, Paul and Delia Nielsen, Erik and Peggy Norgaard, and Peter, Viljo J. Nurme, Fred Olesen, Mr. and Mrs. Flemming M. Olsen and Steve, Lena and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Olsen, Odd and Linda Orbeck, Mrs. Doris M. Orton, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Osback, Fred and Anna Paulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearson, Mr. Bjarne Pedersen, Richard and Anna Pedersen, Steven Pedersen, Lennart Persson, Rigmor and Kirsten Peters, Mrs. Agnes O. Pritchard, Mrs. Anita Rusak and baby, Esko Salovaara, Joe Sandal, and Julie Shand, Carl and Ester Soderquist, Mrs. Rosemarie Sorensen, Ilse and John, Brian Spencer, Halvor and Helvig Sveinungard, Kirsten and Birthe Thomsen, Valborg Thomsen, Mrs. Grethe Tjelum, Miss S., Miss D., and Miss R. Torgas, K. Tranter, Mrs. Enge Tuleweit, Mr. and Mrs. Niels Udholm, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Urschel, Anita and Alayne, Mrs. B. Vinson, Folke and Consuela Wicklund, Gunnar Wilson, R. Allan White.

May you all have a happy holiday!

Finnish Ambassador Probable U Thant Successor

The front-runner for the secretary-generalship of the United Nations - should U Thant not serve a third term - declared that there was a "real possibility" of mainland China being seated in the UN this year.

Max Jakobson, the 47-year-old Finnish ambassador and an outstanding UN diplomat, is being pushed by his Scandinavian country to become the world's number one civil servant - thus underscoring Finland's traditional international neutrality.

"Naturally, the entry of Peking will mean a period of adjustment . . . but it will be an adjustment to reality," he told the United Nations Correspondents' Association.

And he added: "The sooner it comes, the better, if we want to have the UN as a real centre for dealing with questions of war and peace."

"If the People's Republic of China is seated in the United Nations, and if the two German states are admitted as new members at the end of the process of reconciliation now going on, then for the first time the UN can be a real centre for all questions of international peace and security," he declared.

On the question of how his Jewish faith might affect him, the Scandinavian diplomat observed: "It may be said that the secretary-general should be a person of no religion, no race, no political connection or traditions - a man who casts no shadow - but I wonder if it is possible to find such a person."

The envoy said that he had served the Finnish government for 20 years in various posts - some of which might he considered sensitive.

ANOTHER RECORD FOR OLAF SVEEN

Olaf Sveen continues to make music wherever he goes.

He has another record out. It's another long playing record on the London label called "Olaf Sveen at the Hofbrauhaus".

It was released across Canada on May 31.

This record features continental music and includes such names as "Somewhere My Love" and his own composition "Fisherman's Schottish".

London Label EBX 1464.

City on The Water Is A Delight For Sightseers To The Swedish Capital

New ferry routes and expanded sightseeing boat services are enabling Stockholm to fully live up to its reputation as the "Venice of the North" and the "City that Floats on Water", as Swedish authoress Selma Lagerlof put it.

Boat trips are the best way to explore this water-bound city which is built on 12 islands, and also its beautiful environs, including lovely Lake Malaren and the Stockholm Archipelago stretching far out into the Baltic Sea.

The water routes go under many of Stockholm's 40 bridges, sweep through narrow channels and canals, and move past factories, apartment houses, boulevards, castles and parks. They range from 10-minute ferry trips to all-day excursions to historic and scenic points of interest far from the city.

The oldest ferry route is between the Old Town, a crowded island of cobbled streets and ancient houses, where Stockholm was born more than 700 years ago, and the Deer Park, a largely unspoiled island of natural beauty.

The Deer Park ferry terminus puts one within a few minutes walking distance of three of Stockholm's prime summer attractions. Skansen, a remarkable open-air museum with old houses, workshops, stores, etc., gathered from different parts of Sweden, as well as a zoo featuring mostly northern animals.

Then there is the 17th century Warship Wasa, being restored in a special floating museum after spending more than 300 years in the bottom of the Stockholm harbour; and the lively Gröna Lund Amusement Park, with its outdoor stage where famous international artists perform.

Fascinating sightseeing boat tours, with multi-lingual guides who describe the principal sights, depart regularly from both Nybroviken and the quay below the imposing statue of King Charles XII beside the Royal Opera House.

These sea-view "under the bridges" trips last from one to two hours, the shorter tour swinging around the shores of the Deer Park, and the longer one also taking in part of Lake Malaren and Stockholm harbour.

The Stockholm Archipelago, with more than 20,000 islands and skerries extending for 30 miles into the Baltic, is the destination of many exciting boat excursions leaving from different parts of the city, including the busy quay near the Grand Hotel.

Thousands of sailboats and motorboats can be seen threading their way through this island paradise which is Stockholm's most popular summer playground. The visitor can make the trip on modern motor launches or the few slower, but picturesque, white steamers that still remain in service.

Major goals in the archipelago include the fortress island of Waxholm, only an hour away from Stockholm, and the more-distant Sandhamn, home of the fashionable Royal Swedish Yacht Club and scene of an annual international regatta held in July.

The Sandhamn Express takes about 3½ hours, weaving through hundreds of tiny islands to the fringe of the Baltic. Refreshments are available on board, but the round trip leaves plenty of time for lunch at the Yacht Club, a stroll through the rustic village and, perhaps, even a swim.

A number of eminently worthwhile boat excursions can also be made to historic sights on scenic Lake Malaren. One such is to Drottningholm Palace, with its mag-

nificent, Versailles-like gardens, and unique 18th century Court Theater where operas and ballets are given during the summer months.

Impressive Gripsholm Castle, built by King Gustav Vasa in the 16th century, and Skokloster Castle, which boasts one of the world's most extensive weapons collections, are among other Lake Malaren goals.

Motor launches and steamers departing for Drottningholm and Gripsholm can be boarded at quays next to Stockholm Town Hall, and the Skokloster boat leaves from the Old Town.

The "slow boat" to Drottningholm takes about an hour, enough time to enjoy lunch or dinner on board. The steamer "Drottningholm" is a museum piece, built 62 years ago, with cabins and salons carefully restored and a kitchen offering traditional hearty Swedish homecooking.

The "Drottningholm" makes about five round trips a day with extra cruises timed to bring theatergoers to and from performances at the Court Theater. Passengers can have a typical first course of herring and cheese before the show and a main course, dessert and coffee on the return trip. The boat also has an excellent wine cellar.

Visitors who wish to explore the waterways of Stockholm and its environs on their own can inquire about rentals at any leading travel agency in town.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I always look forward to receiving your paper and note with satisfaction that new and attractive features are introduced from time to time. As a former member of Vasa Lodge Skandia and the first editor of the "News", it is of special interest to me to see that progress is being made. Since leaving Edmonton it is of course a bit of "News from home" to me.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Elsie Simmons

Multi-Culturism

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Alberta - and to investigate means for perpetuating the mosaic (as opposed to the melting pot) pattern of multiculturalism in this society.

"We could allocate funds to develop textbooks and other media so that we can present to students wishing to study their heritage a full range of materials with which to do this.

"We could allocate funds to the production of texts, films, . . . which deal with diverse subject matter which is to be taught in German, Cree, French or Ukrainian, so that students learn their language by applying it to substantive areas.

"Curriculum materials on geography, history, the social sciences - for that matter, natural sciences and mathematics - could all be produced in other languages.

"In this way language would be seen by students as indeed 'living', and not a collection of rules of grammar, or something which one's parents have forced one to study because it is a nice idea to keep up the language."

The premier also suggested that more extensive aid could be given to different ethnic groups to develop their own projects . . . "from an Indian cultural centre reflecting in its very architecture the great unity of diversity among the various Indian tribes and bands, to the idea of a Ukrainian pioneer village.

"How about developing a traveling display of handicrafts of various ethnic groups, or an annual multi-culture fair?"

The government is inviting other suggestions be submitted to the task force.

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The Swedish botanist, Carl Von Linne was born in Rashult, Smaland, in 1707. He was educated at Wexio, Lund and Uppsala. He became professor of medicine in 1741 and professor of botany in 1742 at Uppsala. His works established the scientific system of giving a double name to each plant and animal (binomial nomenclature).

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The picnic will be held this year at Victoria Park, Area 2 on June 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. Bring your own picnic lunch, and if there are any special games you want to play, bring the equipment for some. See you all there for a pleasant afternoon.

Change of address: Shirley Thorsteinson has moved to 11013 University Avenue. Her new phone no. is 433-6510. Make a note of the change in your blue book.

Shirley and Leigh Syms have left Edmonton for the summer. Leigh is pursuing his archaeological dig in southern Manitoba in the Souris River area. They are living in Melitta during this time.

Valdgerdur Nordal, Jo Couves mother, has returned to Arbog for the summer by train. She will stop in Winnipeg to visit with her son before returning to her home in Arbog.

Martha Burr, cousin of Martha Arnason, visited with the Arnasons on her way to the coast.

Arne Arnason is spending the summer working with the Alberta Ecology Corps at Grande Prairie, and has left for this assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ellis from Minnedosa, Man. were here with Steini and Clara Jonsson for a week. Mrs. Ellis is Clara's sister.

Judy and Jim Thorsteinson have gone to Winnipeg and Lundar to visit with friends and relatives, after which Jim is being transferred with Poole Construction to a new location.

Margaret Thorvaldson, Gunnar Thorvaldson's mother and Rosa Dahlke, his aunt, will be in Edmonton while Gunnar and Shirley are in Iceland. They will mind the children until school is out, after which they will all go to Winnipeg to meet Gunnar and Shirley on their return.

The Saga Singers Day in Markerville was, for the third year, a great success. The weather was beautiful, and the audience congenial. The concert was held in the church this year, and every seat was taken with people from the surrounding area, Edmonton and Calgary, and even someone from Vancouver! Marino Kristjanson was the master of ceremonies of the program. The choir was accompanied on the piano by Della Roland, violin and viola by Charles Smith and the cello by Fred Fridl. Gunnar Thorvaldson, as president of the Scandinavian Centre, brought greetings from that organization, and Ninna Campbell as president of the choir, greeted the guests in Icelandic. Our Fjallkona, Jo Wetterberg, spoke as a former member of the community. The choir was pleased to have Jon Thorhallson of Red Deer, a former choir member, join them for the day. The Saga Singers had added several new numbers to their repertoire from former years. Solli Sigurdson also joined the program, with renditions of favorite Icelandic songs, and some of his own, in English. Rosa Benedickson thanked the singers on behalf of the community, and then the ladies of the community brought out marvellous food and coffee, adding a real picnic atmosphere on the lovely sunny afternoon.

Everyone will be glad to hear that Earl Valgardson has regained his health after a bout with pneu-

monia which kept him in bed for a long time.

Pamela Elliot, daughter of J.L. Elliot, 10632 Capilano St., Edmonton, was married to Ron Couves, son of Cec and Jo Couves in a candlelight ceremony at Grace United Church, 6212 - 104 Ave. at 7:30 p.m. on Sat. May 15. Pamela was attended by Lynn Gates and Rita Cameron, both of whom wore spring dresses in pink and white with matching hats and carried baskets of wild flowers. Ron was attended by Jim Lees and Richard Brown.

The bride wore a white chiffon gown, carried a bible with pink lily of the valley, and wore daisies in her hair.

A reception for 120 was held after the ceremony at Holland House. Doug Fleming was master of ceremonies, and Marcelle Prefontaine toasted the bride.

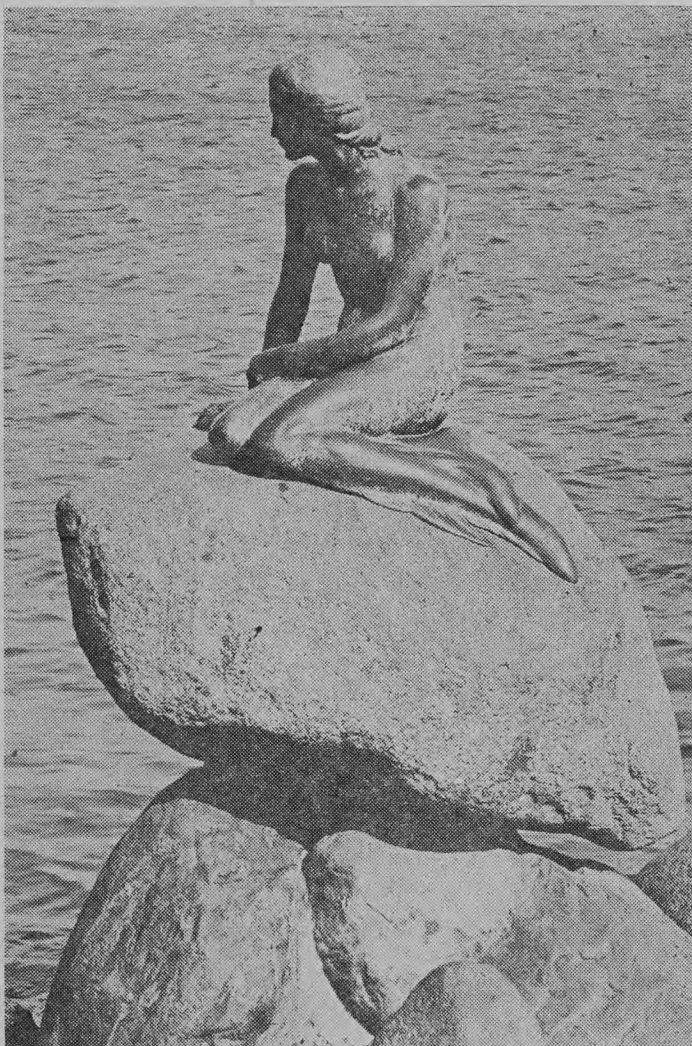
The couple honeymooned in Pen-ticton and Vancouver, after which they will reside in Edmonton, where Ron will continue his studies at the University of Alberta.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Saga Singers have been requested to sing at the Icelandic celebrations in Gimli, Man., this summer and have accepted this kind invitation.

They are chartering a bus in which there will be several seats available for non-choir members who might wish to go to Gimli to take part in the celebration July 31 - Aug. 1 and 2. The fare is very reasonable. If you wish to go along please contact Ninna Campbell - phone 476-0481 in the evening or any other members of the choir to reserve a seat on the bus which will leave in the evening of July 30.

Mermaid of Copenhagen Harbour



Copenhagen is one of Europe's major parts and an active ship-building centre. But you will see no naval ships. In a disastrous battle in 1806 Nelson destroyed the Danish Navy. The Danes elected not to rebuild it. They now maintain only a small token force for ceremonial purposes.

Sunday afternoon, April 25, was the day Lucille Oddson, Fjallkona for 1969/70, relinquished her crown of honor to the queen for the new year. The ceremony was held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre, and as always was very impressive, with the children included in the festivities.

Bill Halldorson acted as master of ceremonies.

Speakers included Barney Thorlakson, who gave the president's address; Del Svenson, who spoke of the Spirit of Iceland. Since he was in Iceland last fall, he was a particularly apt person to be describing this spirit.

Gunnar Thorvaldson spoke of "Iceland Today".

Our retiring fjallkona, Lucille Oddson, reviewed the year past, and was presented a gift by Olive Goodman, the fjallkona for the previous year.

The coronation ceremony was most impressive, as Josephina (commonly known as Jo) Wetterberg, escorted by Art Arnfinson, and attended by Arlene Valgardson and Valla Grainier, entered the room. Carla Thorvaldson bore the crown, and Cindy Thorvaldson and Rob Kolton gave tributes to the new queen.

The Saga Singers contributed to the program, singing in appropriate places. Jo Couves and Nina Smith sang a beautiful duet, "Su rodd var suo fogur".

Several life members attended the celebration. Everyone was glad to see Helga (Mrs. O.T.) Johnson from Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Henry Sumarladason, Mike Johnson and Mrs. Nordal.

A coffee party followed the crowning of Jo Wetterberg as our

fjallkona for 1970/71, and guests signed the guest book.

Many thanks to Margaret Cameron and her Cultural Affairs Committee who organized the afternoon affair.

Summer Course at Folk High School

Short Summer Courses in Scandinavia 1971 features 1-2 week courses in Denmark (July 18-25), Norway (July 27-August 7) and Sweden (August 8-21). The ten-day course in Norway will take place at Ringerike Folk High School near H-nefoss, a modern school with an indoor swimming pool. The theme of the course will be Social Development and Cultural Change, with special attention to the following:

- the survival and contributions by small nations and national minorities,
- national diversity, international unity: can they be reconciled?
- the role of adult education in social and cultural development,
- history, politics, art, literature, folk traditions, social problems, religious and cultural issues in Norway.

Leading Scandinavians will serve as guest lecturers at Ringerike and the other two schools, and an international staff of lecturers will reside at the centers and take part in discussions and other activities. Field trips will be organized in each location.

An enrollment fee of 30 Danish kroner (or equivalent) must be paid when signing up for the course. In addition, the total cost for board, lodging, tuition and local excursions will be 425 Norwegian kroner (\$59) for the course at Ringerike Folk High School. Inquiries on enrollment should be directed to Mr. Jorgen Manniche, Levring, 8620 Kjellerup, Denmark.

Centre Celebrates (Continued from page 1)

Scandinavian Centre, which was to become a reality ten years later.

The eighteenth annual Scandapades production was staged in the spacious and beautiful Jubilee Auditorium on February 28, 1971. I'm sure that everyone who saw the two productions will agree that we have come a long way. This year's production was an outstanding success. All the talented people who made this production possible deserve the support of all of us. Next year the board should resolve to have all 2700 seats sold well in advance of the show.

At the time of writing, your president, Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson, informs me that there has been no plan made for Anniversary Celebrations. Whether we celebrate collectively, or individually on Sunday, June 20, perhaps does not matter. All who shared with me that great day, I'm sure feel as I do — a deep felt satisfaction and joy in having accomplished the first great step.

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SPORTS CORNER Sons Of Norway Bowling

By Elva Veis

The Sons of Norway Bowlers 70-71 year of bowling came to a close with a banquet and dance at the Baker Restaurant, May 8th. President Stan Hafso presented the High Average cups on behalf of



(Left to right) Kalmar Amdam, Andy Mjaatveit, Louise Logan, Arline Stephens and Doreen Melsness.

the Solglyt Lodge to Betty McKevitt and Arne Gulbrandsen. Bernard Olafson excepted the trophies on behalf of Arne as the Gulbrandsen's left for majesitc Norway that same day.

Ed Veis, secretary and Betty McKevitt, assistant secretary presented trophies to the following winners: Betty McKevitt - 199 - High Average. Arne Gulbrandsen - 209 - Average. Louise Logan - 770 - High Triple. Arne Gulbrandsen - 845 - High Triple. Beth Garstad - 296 - High Single. John Marko - 353 - High Single.

President Peter Hansen presented his team trophy to The Norsemen's Captain Louise Logan and her team.

1st Team - Louise Logan, Kalmar Amdam, Orlene Stephens, Doreen Melsness, Andy Mjaatveit.

2nd Team - Ruth Logan, Brenda Letendre, Doris Steen, Nels Mjaatveit, Walter Meyer.

3rd Team - Lloyd Steen, Iva Hanson, Gladys Clark, Henry Logan, Thor Berg.

4th Team - Arne Gulbrandsen, Beth Garstad, John Marko, Dennis Cook, Emeth Clark.

TEAM TRIPLE: Ed Veis, Carol Berdahl, Kay Olafson, Muriel Parkin, Isabelle Mjaatveit.

TEAM SINGLE: Betty McKevitt, Mary Gulbrandsen, Al Letendre, Lis Johansen, Leif Anderson.

LOW SCORES: Iva Hanson and Marius Johansen.

350 Pins were given to Arne Gulbrandsen and John Marko. Kay Olafson received 325 pins.

Perfect attendance bowlers for the 70-71 season were:

Ed Veis, Muriel Parkin, Peter Hansen, Louise Logan, Doris Steen, Isabelle Mjaatveit, Nels Mjaatveit, Arne Gulbrandsen, Myrle Travis, Lis Johansen, Thor Berg.

Mr. Peter Hansen relinquished his position as president but stayed as our Bowling Representative and Assistant Sports Director for the Lodge.

Our new executives for the coming year are:

Mr. Dennis Cook for President and Mrs. Lois Halberg for Secretary.

Door prize was won by Lloyd Steen. Mother's Day Gift by Lis Johansen.

Dance prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hafso, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnsrude, Thor Berg and Solveig Henrikson.

During the evening the bowlers celebrated Henry and Ruth Logan's Wedding Anniversary. They were presented with a flower arrangement. Following the dance many of the group had coffee at Bernard and Kay Olafson's.

Join the Bowlers this fall for a fun filled season.

Be sure and phone 476-7210 or 466-9344 before the first of September.

Peter Hansen, Ed Veis and Betty McKevitt wish to thank the Sons of Norway Bowlers for their gifts presented to them by Henry Logan.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Henriette Johnsrude

COMING EVENTS:

St. Hans Fest will be held Sunday, June 27, 3 p.m., Lot 6 Victoria Park.

General Meeting and Initiation was held on April 26. The following members were initiated:

Glen Finstad, Bernard and Mary Enevald, Nellie Dunn, Christopher Hale, Doug and Gail Peterson, Aage and Edith Paulsen, Martin Matheon, Clifford Berg, Magnan Bjorsvik, and Frank Johnsrude.

We extend a welcome to all our new members.

Carl Elgstrand, Irene Hovde and Jim McDonald supplied the entertainment.

Mr. Knut Myre who is Consul General of Norway for Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories spent the evening visiting with our members and friends. Mr. Myre was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Johannessen for his visit to Edmonton and Camrose. While in our city Mr. Myre met with Lieutenant Governor Hon. J. W. Grant McEwan, Premier Harry Strom, the Norwegian Ministers Hon. Anders Aalborg, and Hon. Henry Ruste and also with Mayor Ivor Dent.

Members of the Language Club had a social evening recently as a finale to their classes at the home of Sigurd Jorstad. A token of appreciation was presented to Jarl Aagedal for his services. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening. There were twelve members this year. Perhaps we can do as well again this fall.

Torska Klubben held their regular noon meeting. Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Joseph T. Thorson, was the guest speaker. The Hon. Mr. Thorson resides in Ottawa and is President of the "Single Canada League". Dr. Turstein Walhovd is the local president. Mr. Thorson also spoke at the Jubilee Auditorium while in the City.

Mrs. Ruth Wibe is visiting in Norway.

Our Bowling Group would like to extend our sympathy to Lloyd and Doris Steen on the recent death of Doris' mother, Mrs. Hilda Holtan.

Congratulations to Reidun and Thor Berg on the arrival of their daughter, Kristine Helene.

Mrs. Martha Venoasen has returned home from the hospital. We are glad she is feeling better. Also Mrs. Jane Burt has been in the University Hospital. Hope she will soon be on the well list again.

Mrs. Andy Mjaatveit spent two weeks holidaying with her daughter and son in law Aussy and Bill Cox at 822 - 129 Ave. N.W., Maryville, Wash. Mattilda also visited her sister Mrs. Molly Birch in Seattle.

Ray Garstad was in Vancouver recently to a Golf Tournament.

Miss Crystal Fleuty won the T. Eaton Trophy for the Girls Vocal Division of the City of Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues Talent Shows. Karen Fleuty was second in Speech Arts Division of the Music Festival. Mrs. Crystal

Fleuty's pupil won best vocal solist of the Kiwanis Music Festival and will go on to compete at the Provincial Festival.

Walter and Eva Meyer spent a few days recently in Las Vegas.

SYTTENDE MAI FEST was held Sat., May 15th at the Scandinavian Centre. A good crowd was in attendance. Hon. Anders Aalborg was our speaker of the day. Miss Laurel Hafso was crowned Queen of our Lodge by Mr. Stan Hafso, President of Solglyt Lodge and Laurel's father. Our congratulations go out to Laurel. Mrs. Irene Hovde was guest soloist.

JUNIOR LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to Darlene Melsness for taking a prize in the Kiwanis Festival.

The Kaine played for the Jr. Lodge Dance that was held on May 7th.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Berg on the arrival of her new baby sister.

On May 12 Supreme Director Brother Svidal was present at the Jr. Lodge meeting. This was to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Jr. Lodge. Brother Svidal presented our President with a Sons of Norway plaque.

Mrs. Betty Travis, Junior Director, accompanied the Sweet Adelines Gateway Chapter recently to Vancouver where they held their competitions. The Edmonton Quartet came in fourth.

The Jr. Lodge elected a new Social Director and a Counsellor. They are:

Bob Chemeriniski for Social Director and Heather Amundson for Counsellor.

Former members of Solglyt Lodge, Hildur and Matt Myhre of Fort St. John returned recently from spending three of the winter months in Arizona and California. Upon their return their youngest son Henry was married to Miss Sheila Davidson in Fort St. John. Congratulations to Henry and Sheila.

The reporter for next month's news will be: Mrs. Eleanor Anderson whose phone number is 488-8998. Please send in your news items early.

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"The European Discovery of America" - The Northern Voyages, by Samuel Eliot Morison. A comprehensive account of all known voyages across the North Atlantic to the New World prior to 1600. Includes chapter on the Norsemen and Vinland. 712 pp., including index. Illustrated. (Published by Oxford University Press).

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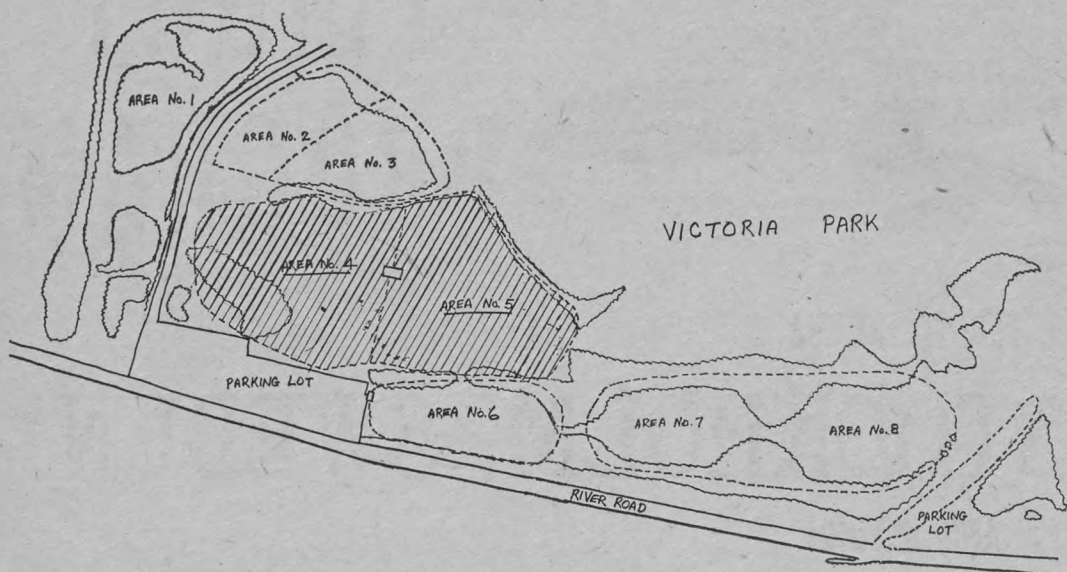
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Norway in a Nutshell Government

Norway is a constitutional monarchy. The Constitution of 1814, inspired by the ideals of the American and French constitutions, provides for separation of powers.

Executive power is vested in the King, who exercises his power through a Cabinet, headed by a Prime Minister. Legislative power is vested in the 150-member Storting (Parliament), elected by proportional representation every four years. Judiciary power is centered in the Supreme Court, whose rulings are final.

The Storting-appointed Ombudsman seeks to protect citizens against unjust or arbitrary treatment by Government civil servants.

Norway is a charter member of the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Council of Europe, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. It also participates in the consultative Nordic Council.

Geography

Norway occupies the northwestern part of the Scandinavian Peninsula in northern Europe, facing the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The country is 1,100 miles at its longest, from 4 to 270 miles wide, and nearly half its length lies north of the Arctic Circle. The northernmost point, near the North Cape, lies as far north as Point Barrow on Alaska's north coast, while Lindesnes, in the southern end, is on about the same latitude as Juneau, Alaska. The distance between the North Cape and Lindesnes is the same as Washington, D.C.-Miami, or Seattle-Los Angeles.

The long coastline is cut by deep fjords (the Sognefjord penetrates 114 miles inland), with more than 150,000 islands scattered along the coast. Only 4 percent of the total area is arable land; 24 percent is covered by forests, while mountains, lakes, marshes, wasteland and glaciers make up the remaining 72 percent. Glittertind, rising to 8,102 feet, is the highest mountain in Europe north of the Alps.

The Gulf Stream, carrying warm water from the tropics, gives Norway a much warmer climate than should be expected so far north. In coastal districts the temperature varies from an average of 27 degrees Fahrenheit in January to 61 degrees in July, as compared with 31.7 degrees F. and 74.4 degrees F., respectively, in the State of New York. Oslo and East Norway have summer temperatures up to 90 degrees F. During the winter, most harbors are ice-free.

Of the nearly 1,600 mile long land frontier, 1,020 miles adjoin Sweden, 445 miles Finland, and 122 miles

the Soviet Union. With its 125,064 square miles, Norway has Europe's fifth largest land area. The population is less than four million, making Norway the most sparsely populated country in Europe.

The Svalbard Archipelago in the Arctic Ocean was placed under Norwegian sovereignty in 1920. The main natural resource here is bituminous coal, of which Norway mines some 450,000 tons annually.

Economy

A lack of natural resources early made Norwegians turn to the sea for a living. Today Europe's largest fisheries take place off the coast of Norway, and fresh, frozen or canned fish brought ashore by Norwegian vessels is sold all over the world, accounting for an important part of Norway's foreign earnings. The country's long traditions in seafaring has helped develop the merchant marine into the fourth largest in the world. The income from the 19 million ton fleet helps keep the economy healthy. Norwegian ship yards are the main suppliers of vessels to Norwegian owners, delivering supertankers of up to 300,000 tons d.w.

Numerous rivers and waterfalls provide an abundance of low-cost electricity, which has helped transform Norway into a modern industrial society. Important chemical and metallurgical industries established on the basis of cheap electricity now produce some of Norway's largest export articles, such as aluminum, ferro-alloys and fertilizer. Hydro-electric plants also power large wood processing factories, utilizing timber from Norwegian forests as well as raw materials from as far away as Brazil.

About 92 percent of all Norwegian industrial companies are privately owned; 3.5 percent, mostly public utilities, are owned by the State and the municipalities, and a little over 4 percent by cooperatives.

Farming and forestry occupy less than 15 percent of the working population, while 35 percent are engaged in the manufacturing industries. Only 2 percent are full-time fishermen, and less than 5 percent are engaged in sea transportation.

Recent discoveries of oil in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea may significantly contribute to the progress of the Norwegian economy. Private companies have made substantial investments in oil exploration efforts, and the State will have a new source of income once production of the North Sea oil gets under way.

Norway is a founding member of EFTA, formed in 1960. Now, one decade later, negotiations are under way for Norwegian membership in an expanded European Common Market.

Some Historical Notes

800-900 — Viking raids

- 900 (approx.) — Harald Fairhair unites the country
- 1000 (approx.) Christianity introduced in Norway
- 1000 (approx.) — Leif Erikson discovers America
- 1152 — Norway becomes separate church province
- 1217-1276 — Norwegian medieval power at its peak
- 1319 — Union of the Crown with Sweden
- 1349-1350 — Bubonic plague
- 1380 — Union with Denmark
- 1397-1520 — Scandinavian union dominated by Denmark
- 1709-1721 — Great Nordic War
- 1807-1814 — War with England and Sweden
- 1814 — Norway declares independence, elects Danish prince King, adopts free constitution May 17. After short war, Norway agrees to union with Sweden.
- 1837 — Municipal Self-government introduced
- 1884 — Parliamentary government introduced
- 1898 — Universal male suffrage
- 1905 — Union with Sweden dissolved. Prince Carl of Denmark elected king, takes name of King Haakon VII.
- 1913 — Universal suffrage for women
- 1920 — Norway joins the League of Nations
- 1925 — Svalbard (Spitsbergen) under Norwegian sovereignty
- 1940 — German attack. Norway fights back for two months in Norway. Underground movement, free forces and merchant marine continue struggle.
- 1945 — Germany surrenders. Norway ratifies UN Charter.
- 1949 — Norway joins NATO
- 1957 — King Haakon VII dies and is succeeded by Olav V.
- 1960 — Norway joins the European Free Trade Association.
- 1970 — Negotiations for EEC membership begin.

Citadel Theatre

Aiming for their most exciting season yet, The Citadel Theatre is considering some outstanding plays for inclusion in its repertory. The 1971-72 season will have a theatrical cavalcade of magnificent scope.

One of the plays from Norway is "An Enemy Of The People" by Henrik Ibsen.

The play is a topical municipal hanky-panky in which the master dramatist who anticipated Women's Lib also nails that other major issue of our times — Pollution! When Dr. Stockman's idealism threatens his town's economy, he's attacked by press, politicians and his establishment friends.

Sean Mulcahy is Artistic Director for the Citadel Theatre. Olive Finland is General Manager.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

Chirman Lennart Petersson opened the meeting on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Members reported sick include: Svea Erickson, Winnie Pearson, Evelyn Modin, Mary Pearson, Elov Linden, Oscar Pearson, Bill McMaster, John Jerratt, Michel Skoog, Roy Samuelson. Oscar Carlson is in hospital in Vancouver.

The Land Committee awarded two lots at the lake. The recipients were: Ken McEvoy and Bengt Kristiansson.

The Swedish representative for Queen candidate is Faye Holmlund.

The young people of the lodge are planning a dance at the lake on the third Saturday in July. They were given the use of the clubhouse for this event.

The Home Economics Department at the University of Alberta presented a fashion show of brides from different countries recently.

The Vasa Bridal Crown was worn by Linda Samuelson.

Camp Week starts Sun., July 4. Children aged 6 to 13 are eligible.

Contact Minnie Markstrom at 475-8438 or Betty Pearson at 455-5988 for information.

The lunch at the May meeting was provided by: Astrid Winquist, Anna Dodds and Rose Rautio.

Thank you ladies, it was lovely.

Further thanks go to: Kenneth Eliasson, Faye Litven and Gilmer Berg for a very successful Bingo after the lunch.

From all reports our new members of 1970 organized a fun evening. I understand that the Markstroms felt richer after the game. Others were lucky as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. — at Pigeon Lake in the Club House.

Regular monthly meeting of the Vasa Lodge Skandia. The meeting will be followed by a dance sponsored by the Sports Club.

Sunday, June 6

Our Jubilee Celebration will begin with a cold plate lunch at noon, with hot dogs and coolade for the children. Following that at 2:00 p.m. there will be a picnic. The Watson family are sponsoring this.

Saturday, June 19

Buford Lodge hosting.

Saturday, July 3, 7:30 p.m. — at Pigeon Lake in the Club House.

Vasa Lodge Skandia regular monthly meeting followed by entertainment to be organized by the officers for 1971. I am sure it will be an interesting evening.

VASA GLIMPSES

After being in an automobile accident on April 11, Winnie Pearson is still in the Glenrose and will be until about June 15. Oscar has been home for sometime. Both are quite well. They extend grateful thanks to all their visitors and friends for wishes and gifts.

The bowling and curling banquet was a success. We ate well and danced a lot. Five bowlers went to Medicine Hat the next day for the District Bowling. By all accounts they bowled very well, but were not fortunate enough to bring home any trophies.

Linnea and Henry Lodge have gone South to points unknown for their annual holiday. Evelyn John-

son left with them on her way to visit her daughter for a few days.

I received some news from Helge and Esther Erickson, Thorsby, Alta., too late to go into last month's paper. They spent a most enjoyable month south of the Border recently. Yes, even into Mexico and along the West Coast visiting relatives in Frisco and Seattle. They have now moved into their new house.

Visitors at Magnus and Betty Pearson's were as follows: Mrs. Nels Robley from Lacombe and Mrs. Calvin Vig from Bentley.

"Anna Sund went to her clothes closet to get her small child a Swedish cosutme. When she got there her closet was bare. So how about returning those costumes or parts of costumes that you borrowed right now when you think of it. We need them for the children's week in July."

Mrs. Astrid Windquist of 12038 96 St., Edmonton, was proud to have five grandchildren walk the full 25 miles in "The Miles For Millions" March. Their names are Randy Watson, Leslie Watson, Alyson Watson, Genene Sund and Sheldon Heets.

Sharon Windquist, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Windquist, was sorry to learn of the passing of her father, William Buchanan, April 16, at the age of 57. Mr. Buchanan lived in Oakville, Ont., and was a fire marshal for the Department of National Defence. Mr. Buchanan is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughter Sharon and son Steve.

International Agreements in 1970

Norway became party to 68 international agreements last year, a slightly higher number than in recent years.

Sixteen of the agreements related to the area of development, including one in connection with an educational project undertaken by Zambia/the World Bank, one concerning a development loan to Turkey, and one providing for equipment for silos and fisheries in Pakistan. Agreements have also been made with Tanzania regarding assistance for the development of a coastal shipping line and for technical assistance, as well as with Kenya regarding Norwegian Peace Corps representation. Agreements regarding the delivery of artificial fertilizers by Norway have been made with India and Pakistan. A building construction program in Tunisia was the subject of another agreement. A joint agreement with the other Scandinavian countries concerning assistance to Kenya was also signed during the past year, as was an arrangement with the Inter-American Development Bank for the establishment of a Norwegian development fund for Latin America.

Norway also approved revised international health regulations constituting an important instrument in the battle against the spread of diseases across international borders.

In the area of transportation, an air agreement was signed with Mexico and an agreement regarding the mutual acceptance of drivers' licenses between Norway and Bel-

Norway's Foreign Minister's Statement In Brussels

From News of Norway

Foreign Minister Andreas Cappelen declared at the meeting of the Council of Ministers of the European Common Market in Brussels on March 30 that it is the Norwegian Government's strong desire to participate in the efforts to create greater unity in Europe. "The Government", Mr. Cappelen said, "will work actively to complete the negotiations with the European Economic Community".

The Foreign Minister emphasized Norway's dependence on developments abroad, which makes it both natural and necessary for the country to take an active part in international cooperation. Many of the trends which have a growing effect on Norway also affect other industrial nations, such as structural changes in the economy, urbanization, pollution of air and water, and the increasing tendency towards internationalization of important parts of the economy. "Many of the problems created by these trends", Mr. Cappelen said, "can not be solved by the nation-states individually". Nor were the traditional forms of international cooperation adequate to meet all of these problems; "The Norwegian Government favors expanded and binding international cooperation so that, jointly, the countries will be better able to solve some of the most important problems of our times".

"In this context", said Mr. Cappelen, "we see the Community as representing an opportunity to introduce democratic decision-making processes into international cooperation. In the individual democratic national states, large population groups already have a significant influence on decisions of importance to them. It is important that the interests of these groups be effectively represented within the framework of international bodies as well". Mr. Cappelen stressed that the Government in its relations with the Community would "attach decisive emphasis to the demand for good and secure conditions for the large population segments of wage earners, farmers and fishermen".

The Foreign Minister went on to express the Government's hope that the negotiations with the Communities would confirm that the objectives of Norway's national policies are in accordance with those of the Communities. "We endeavor to secure full employment, and regard the reduction of inequalities in society as an essential task," he said.

Foreign Minister Cappelen emphasized Norway's interest in expanding the close cooperation with Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden, and in maintaining the Nordic market created through the European Free Trade Association, thus ensuring continued free trade among these countries.

The interdependence of Norway and Europe is based on economic, cultural and general political factors. Norway has one of Europe's most outwardly oriented economies,

licenses between Norway and Belgium.

Some agreements were made with East European nations in the areas of economic, industrial and technical cooperation, as well as trade and cultural relations.

As part of the efforts to fight pollution in the North Sea, Norway signed the treaty of June 9, 1969 regarding pollution in this ocean area. For Norway, the treaty went into effect on November 28, 1970.

The international convention of 1966 regarding the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination was ratified by Norway on August 6, 1970.

but it must also be extroverted and involved politically in order to participate in decisions affecting it.

In conclusion, Mr. Cappelen said: "We favor an expansion of the European Economic Community also on the basis of our wish that in this manner Europe may contribute significantly to the solution of major international problems, such as poverty in the world society. Jointly, the European nations should have greater opportunities to make a meaningful contribution for the benefit of peace and of economic and social development in the world".

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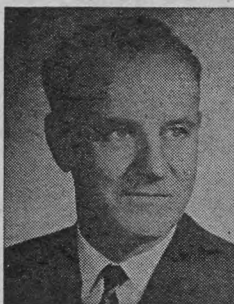
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RONNING LODGE

By Edith Molstad
COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 16, 8:00 p.m.
General meeting of Ronning Lodge will be held in the Camrose Lutheran College Cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. There will be a variety of light entertainment. The ladies are requested to bring sandwiches, cake, cookies, etc.

Sunday, June 27, 2:00 p.m.
To wind up the first half of the year there will be a Family Picnic. This will be held at Ross's Flats. Coffee and drinks will be provided. Everyone please bring your own lunch. Games! Contests! Entertainment! Come one — come all.

July and August
The Executive has decided to dispense with the General Meeting

for the two summer months.

September

The Fall Season will start with an Old Fashioned Barn Dance — in a barn and in a loft. This will be at the Ken Nyback farm. Ladies are to bring a box lunch for two. These will be auctioned off. Dates will be announced later.

The members of the Norwegian Language Class entertained their husbands, wives and friends on Fri., April 23. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Georg Moi. Mr. Moi did a splendid job of tutoring the class and all members are hoping the classes will resume in the fall.

The Ladies Drill team wound up their activities for the season with a dinner and dance at the Royal Canadian Legion. Plans are being discussed for participation in the August Fair. With this in mind, the members of the team have each purchased, at their own expense, new uniforms.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Candace Hurlburt is back from Boston and attending school again.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President wishes to thank the members for their cooperation and help in the first half of the year. He wishes all a good summer holiday and looks forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

DANIA DOINGS



By Vera Nielsen

Wednesday, June 23 is Midsummer Evening, what we call Sgt. Hans and we will all meet at the "Little Acres" to celebrate and have a good time with dancing, etc., and a Bonfire after dark with sing songs. Come all and bring your friends along, even if it is a Wednesday, it will still be a good evening. If it should set in with rain, never mind, we can be indoors.

Last Membership Draw on May 14 was Mr. Richard Sloth, who was not there so the next draw will be at the Klondike Dance July 23 for \$10.00.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Chris Mogensen and daughter Maja in the death of Chris Mogensen who passed away in his 77th year. Mr. Mogensen was well known in Edmonton, where he operated a Blacksmith and Welding Shop for many years before he retired some years ago. We wish Mrs. Mogensen good health in the years to come.

All the Whist players enjoyed

the wind-up nite that was held on Wed., May 5 in the Scandinavian Centre, DANIA Room. The Trophies were presented to Mrs. Jonna Duncan for the high score for the season for the ladies, and to Mr. Poul Rasmussen for the high score for the men. Our next season for Whist will start in September and we hope to see many come out to these evenings.

News from the Danish Church

By O. Filtenborg

SUMMER CAMP

Again this year the two Danish congregations in Alberta (Edmonton and Calgary) planned a summer camp together for children at Sylvan Lake Bible Camp. The camp will be for children from 6 to 12 years and it will be for a week from Aug. 14 to 21. The camp will be led by Pastor Staal Nilesen from Calgary and there will be counselors from both congregations. The kitchen team will come from Edmonton led by Mrs. Anna Jensen. The price for the camp will again this year be \$18.00. Registrations should be sent to Pastor O. Filtenborg, 10532 - 48 St., Edmonton 18, where you also can get further information about the camp.

PASTORS' CONVENTION IN CALGARY

After 5 years the 7 Danish pastors in Canada will again meet together with their wives at a convention. It will be in Calgary from June 8 to 11. The pastors come from Toronto, Grimsby, London, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Surrey. After the convention the Danish pastor from London, Ont., Rev. Jens Rode, will visit Edmonton and also talk at the Danish service June 13. Rev. Rode was, for a couple of years, 2nd pastor in Toronto to Very Rev. P. Overgaard - Thomsen, before he came to London.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be June 6 at 11 a.m. in the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church. The service will be partly Danish and partly English. The confirmands are: Steen M. Clausen, son of Hugo and Inger Clausen; Leila Hurstinen, daughter of Bill and Dorteia Bergstrom; Kate Hansen, daughter of Konrad and Inger Hansen; Lene Frandsen, daughter of Aage and Gunhild Frandsen; Lone Andersen, daughter of Carl Ove and Else Andersen; Linda Hansen, daughter of Siggaard and Lilli Hansen; Palle Nicolajsen, son of Kaj and Johanne Nicolajsen; Grethe Pedersen, daughter of Peter and Else Pedersen; and Jann Nielsen, son of Paul and Ellen Nielsen (Salmon Arm, B.C.).

On the team were also: Anne Marie Larsen, daughter of Henning and Anne Lise Larsen; and Steen Jensen, son of Hans Bent and Signe Jensen. They will both be confirmed in Denmark.

At the end of the service the confirmands will take part in the Holy Communion. The examination of, or rather talk with, the confirmands will this year take place Sun., May 30 at an English service at 11 a.m.

The Norwegian Post Office on May 21 issued two postage stamps on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the bishopric of Oslo. The denominations are 70 ore (red/black) and 100 ore (blue/black).

The Government of Norway has proposed to the Storting (Parliament) that Norway sign the Geneva Convention of April 29, 1958 on the Continental Shelf. The Convention states that coastline nations have sovereign rights over the continental shelf adjacent to their territory as regards exploration and exploitation of the natural resources down to a depth of 200 meters.



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Special Event



(Left to right) Norwegian Consul Arne Johanness, Consul General Knute Myre, Mayor of Camrose Rudy Swanson, and President of Ronning Lodge Ross Anderson.

By Betty McKevitt

A very special event occurred when the Norwegian Consul General Knute Myre visited Camrose. Mr. Myre is posted to Vancouver.

The Consul General is an old friend of Dr. Ronning, and it was the pleasure of Ronning Lodge to be host for an evening.

During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Myre visited the Senior Citizens in the Bethany Home, and later saw the Olaf Heie seed farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Johanness, Norwegian Consul in Edmonton, accompanied the Consul General on his trip to Camrose.

Ronning Lodge Honored By Chester Ronning



Dr. Chester Ronning and District Director Harvey Haugen

Ronning Lodge No. 504 of Camrose, Alta., was honored on April 14 by the presence of world famous diplomat Dr. Chester Ronning.

On behalf of the Lodge Dr. Ronning was presented with an Hon-

orary Membership by District Director Harvey Haugen.

Special highlight of the evening was the presentation of SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD from Supreme Lodge. The award was presented by Supreme Director Knute Svidal.

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BUFORD NEWS

By Wanda Markstedt

BUFORD NEWS

The smorgasbord held on May 8 was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many hidden talents were brought forth during the program.

Buford Lodge members are very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Helge Erickson to the lodge. The Ericksons are busy building a home on a farm which they purchased several months ago in the area south of Buford.

Mrs. Harry Nacuk travelled by bus to Salmon Arm, B.C. She visited her brother Henry Pearson and his wife Mary who has been ill.

Congratulations to Roger and Alda Gunsch on the birth of their son Jimmy, a brother for Tracy.

Clair and Avis Pearson have moved off the farm and are living in Calmar where they rent a house, while their daughter Carol and her husband Chris have moved into the farm home. At present Avis is employed in a local food store.

Vernon and Goody Pearson have sold their farm and purchased a house in Leduc where they will move shortly. They will be missed by all their friends and neighbors.

Congratulations to Maureen Modin and Larry Pidkawa on their recent engagement.

Several members attended the funeral of Mrs. Strautman on May 13 at Thorsby.

Floyd and Peggy Modin motored to Whitecourt on April 24 to attend an executive meeting of the Alberta N.W.T. Branch of the Canadian Postmaster's Association. After this they drove to McLennon and attended the Peace River zone meeting.

Lorna Holland and son Kevin visited her parents Elsie and Raymond Erickson while her husband Levene is in Toronto taking a three-week course in electronics.

After the last meeting Delores Johnson showed slides of their trip to Sweden a year ago. These brought back nostalgic memories for many and were enjoyed by all.

The committee for the Midsummer Celebration at Vasa Park on June 19 is busy making plans for the evening.

Get well wishes go out to Eric Kvarnberg who is a patient in the University Hospital.

Inside Scandinavia

SWEDEN

COMING EVENTS

MAY 31 - JUNE 6, Jubilee Week in Gothenburg with parades and displays.

AUG. 13 - 22, 53rd International Skane Trade Fair in Malmo. The theme: "A Cleaner World II".

AUG. 27 - SEPT. 5, St. Erik's Fair in Stockholm.

OCT. 28 - 31, Swedish International Boat Show in Gothenburg.

OCT. 29 - NOV. 7, Antiques Exhibition at Marmorhallarna, Stockholm.

NOV. 5 - 9, an exhibition of leisure time, sports and do-it-yourself equipment in Malmo.

NORWAY

COMING EVENTS

AUG. 29 - SEPT. 5, Furniture of the Future, Siddishallen, Stavan-ger.

THE FINNISH SAUNA IS AUTHENTIC

The Finnish variation of steam bathing called the "SAUNA" has, of course, its own history.

There is convincing evidence in ancient Finnish folklore, anthropological studies of Finnish people and written accounts of steam bathing, that the Sauna has played a decisive part in Finnish history for perhaps 2,000 years.

Such a firmly established and deeply rooted social custom would indicate that it was in Finland where the Sauna type of bathing had its start and from there it spread to other civilizations. Literally the entire population of Finland, an estimated 4½ million people, take a weekly or semi-weekly bath in over 600,000 commercial and privately owned Sauna baths throughout the country. Hotels, apartment houses, clubs, athletic associations, hospitals and schools all have their individual Sauna.

The Sauna was first introduced to the North American continent by Finnish immigrants in the early part of the 16th century, and judging by its present trend of popularity, is destined to become an integral part of our society.

New U.C.F. Director

Harvey Dryden has been appointed Director of Public Relations for the United Community Fund of Greater Edmonton, it was announced by UCF officials.

Mr. Dryden, who was Director of Travel and information for the Yukon Territory, replaces Kenneth G. Ferguson who was recently made Director of Community Relations with the Ottawa United Fund.

Born in Winnipeg, Mr. Dryden received his early education there and then graduated from the University of Manitoba.

He has been associated over the years with a number of western newspapers in a variety of capacities including several positions on the Winnipeg Free Press, Sports Editor on the Winnipeg Citizen, Financial Editor for the Regina Leader Post, News Editor on the Yorkton Enterprise. He also served as Tourist Director and Information Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan over a sixteen year period.

Upon assuming his new position in mid June, Mr. Dryden will be responsible for all campaign publicity and promotion, a year round public relations program for the UCF and will serve as a consultant to the Board of Directors and UCF senior staff.

SEPT. 3 - 12, "Live Better" and "Houses and Homes for Millions" exhibitions at Mosseshallen, Moss.

NOV. 20 - 21, dog show in Sjølyst, Oslo.

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ROTARY: Greater Stockholm's clubs have telephone number 20 98 64. Visiting members are invited to call, between 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

The annual Vappu-dance was very well received. Food was delicious and all enjoyed themselves. Finnish Society's president Sirkka Ristola welcomed all to the evening and Miss Marja Laine delivered the celebration speech. Fishing trophies were presented to the following persons: Ladies - Marie Utunen, Tuula Moisio, Anja Leino; men - Pekka Utunen, Vilho Ristola, Thomas Nahkuri; children - Reisa Leino, Tim Sahuri, Dick Sahuri.

The Finnish Choir sang - "Kun Kavelin Kesailla", "Karjalan Kunnaila" and "Yksi Ruusu on Kasvanut".

It was nice to see visitors from out of town and friendly Icelanders.

"Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Tyne Liimatainen who worked so hard to make the Vappu-dance a success. Also many thanks to all the ladies who brought the delicious dishes to the evening and thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, decorating the hall, selling tickets - in general, thanks to all who helped in any way at our Vappu-dance."

- Executive

"I wish to thank Mrs. Anneli Thurlin for the wonderful surprise-

Copenhagen's Circus Adds To Summer Fun

Scandinavia is a fascinating place to bring the children to the realm of Hans Christian Andersen, Copenhagen's famed Tivoli pleasure gardens, Oslo's Viking ships and Kon-Tiki raft, or Stockholm's ancient Wasa warship.

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Back in 1886 the Danish King granted privileges to an itinerant German showman named Benneweis and his troupe of four performers to show their arts and antics within the kingdom of Denmark. Then 85 years ago a Circus Palace was completed near Tivoli, seating some 2,000 people and setting the stage for grandiose productions.

From the outset the Benneweis Circus was hardly a major show; its handful of artists doubled and tripled as musicians, dancers comedians and clowns. A team of trained dogs rounded out the troupe.

The spectacle moved around like a classical "commedia dell'arte" company, from town to town and farm to farm. The main attraction was Benneweis himself, a hunchback who captured the fancy of the countryside with his song and dance routines.

Last year the Benneweis ensemble, now a company of 300, moved into Copenhagen's Circus Palace on a permanent basis and will hold forth again this year with 40 magnificent horses and scores of other animals from elephants and camels to zebras and llamas.

The fourth generation of the Benneweis family - Diana Benneweis and her husband Claus Jespersen - run the show and are already breaking in the fifth generation. Circus business tends to remain in the family, as it does the world over.

"It has to be that way," maintains Jespersen. "Circus is a tricky business. Everything depends on everyone sticking together for inspiration and to turn aspirations into reality."

Ignorance is when you don't know anything, and somebody finds it out.

baby-shower she had arranged, and warm thanks to all who remembered us with such lovely baby gifts." - Tuula Moisio.

Recent visitors to Edmonton and to Vappu-dance were: Mr. and Mrs. Esko Salo of Dawson Creek, B.C. and Mr. and Mrs. U. Jackson of Calgary, Alta. Both couples are former Edmontonians.

Miss Marja Laine travelled to Vancouver recently on a part business-part pleasure trip accompanied by Mrs. Esther Kit. Both visited friends in Vancouver and vicinity.

Speedy recovery to Mrs. Maria Utunen who was hospitalized recently.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Koivuneva of Calgary on the birth of their daughter on May 7th, 1971.

Finns will gather for a picnic on June 26 and 27 at Floating Stone Lake. Bring your own lunch.



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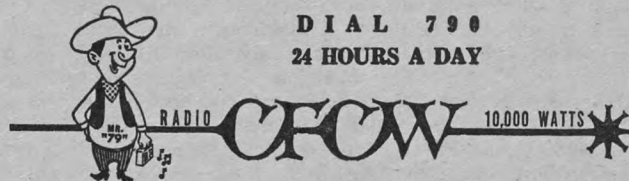
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The Danes are modest, too. So modest that it borders on swelled heads. A lot of them believe that they make the best cheese, the best butter, the best silver, the best porcelain, and the best beer in the world. And they do, of course. Danes are not really very polite compared with the English, the Americans, or the Swedes. There was once a Dane who announced that he preferred the Swedish politeness to the Danish informality. "Oh yes," said his friend, "but the Swedes don't mean anything by it." "Nevertheless" the man answered, "I still prefer that kind of politeness to the Danish rudeness, even though the Danes mean it ever so much more."

Things are a lot easier for a visitor if he understands in advance that Danish males are perfectly willing to knock down unprotected women when it has anything to do with a street-car; that they wouldn't dream of getting out of the comfortable chair they are sitting in just because a lady comes in; and that it is with the greatest delight they allow a lady to go up a long flight of stairs ahead of them. Once I was given an explanation of why a gentleman really should go up first. Oh, but it's not what you think. It's simply this "How on earth would she know where he lives?"

On one point the Danes are polite. They say, "Thank you". The average Dane says it about three hundred times a day, beginning with three thanks when he buys his railway ticket or pays for something in a store, right on up to the over-hearty "handshake with the cover on". This charming expres-

sion of gratitude is accomplished by gazing deep into the other person's eyes, and then, as if there were a lump in the throat, with the voice almost quavering, one says, "tusind tak". We do it that way because it is so much easier than to start by saying "tak" a thousand times and thereby using up a good three-days supply of the word.

Denmark has good schools, lots of schools — lots of expensive schools and the children learn everything possible without paying for any of it — or at any rate only a ridiculously small sum. There are the universities as well, where it is just as expensive to study to be doctors, lawyers, priests or scientists, who concern themselves with everything from elephants to atoms. And finally, Denmark has its great price, the "Folk High Schools", where country youth for the last hundred years has been given an insight into Danish speech, Danish songs, Danish literature and language, and that indefinable thing called Danish culture.

This results in a general level of education that is often surprising. It makes it quite possible to find oneself talking of Faulkner and Saroyan with a longshoreman; Dunne with a watchmaker; Huxley with a film producer; Grandma Moses with a street photographer; Alice in Wonderland with the professor and Ulysses with the taxi-driver — and with luck it is even possible to quarrel over Delius with the owner of a merry-go-round, or about atom-splitting with a stone-cutter by the road-side. Recently, a tram driver won the top prize of 10,000 Danish kroner in a radio-quiz by answering correctly 7 complicated questions in nuclear physics.

To a certain degree, this widespread interest in everything under the sun is bound up with the fact that Danes are as untiringly curious as Kipling's young elephant. Therefore, they gladly travel out into the world and only lack of money keeps them from travelling more. Many of them come back home again, too, but others settle down in foreign lands and try to be good citizens who do so well that one fine day they come home to the old country and announce that they have been knighted, or have bought a Cadillac for them-

Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

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Mr. O. Sveen: Last time we talked together, we were saying how strange the Norse ideas of time strike many people today. We have Valhalla with the endless recreation of slain heroes and life mixed in with an endless re-birth of souls.

Still you pointed out that this was not so very different from some of our everyday assumptions about the year, if we trouble to look at our ideas critically. You also said that some of the ideas expressed about Niflheim as a special realm of Hel suggested a much more timeless realm. Can we proceed from here?

Dr. Nelson: First let's consider the character of Niflheim. One belief about Niflheim apparently is that those sent there sit without company of any kind and await Ragnak — the final destruction of the entire realm of man and gods. Aside from lack of company Niflheim was a sunless, soundless windless environment perpetually shrouded in fog.

Mr. O. Sveen: Let's see, Niflheim as I recall it has been considered the least desirable condition for afterlife. Isn't this so?

Dr. Nelson: Yes. But we should not necessarily think of this as a place of punishment simply because of its undesirable character. The Northman's way of life was not guided by ideas of sin, redemption and damnation. I think its undesirable character, in any important way, came from its changeless properties, and hence, I believe, its timelessness character.

Psychological research suggests that Niflheim is a name for a place where everything is collapsed into an endless single moment of uncontrollable awareness overlain with a frightening mood-tone.

Mr. O. Sveen: You are saying that Niflheim, as described, could evoke certain predictable personal states, and that psychologists have studied what happens to the person in situations like those the old Norse religion imagined.

Dr. Nelson: Yes, it turns out that way, although quite by accident. Various observations in clinical medicine, reports of effects occurring with accidental isolation, and also, experimental studies related to military work have produced a fair body of literature relevant here.

We can't mention very much of it, so let's take only those closest to the topic of Niflheim. First, psychologists have studied vision in what is called the "Ganzfeld Condition". Secondly, they have studied what happens to people in conditions of sensory deprivation.

Mr. O. Sveen: What are these conditions you are talking about? I've never heard of them.

Dr. Nelson: In the case of Ganz-

feld Perception, the upper trunk of a subject is located within a clear plastic bubble projecting into a visual environment made up of chemical fog illuminated so as to make it uniformly bright. This appears as true mid-day fog. It is without structure and as changeless as the Norse Niflheim. The subject sees nothing clearly after awhile but sometimes constructions of his own mind appear. He hallucinates in a word. He also becomes blind to real things if these are put in.

The other experiments bearing upon Niflheim, are called "sensory stimulation but changes in all forms of external stimulation are avoided. Sometimes the person is padded in cotton baton with his eyes and ears bandaged. In others that are more elaborate, he gets into a special suit and is immersed in a tank of water where temperature is constant and pressure is very similar on all body surfaces. There is, of course, no sound and the whole visual environment is absent. Here the world is not only hallucinatory but delusional as well. That is, the individual experiences great difficulty in controlling his thoughts and interpreting the world he is in at all rationally even where he knows what it is beforehand. Often he experiences a constant if ill-defined dread.

I think that some quotations taken from the book "Abnormal Psychology" by N.H. Pronko, published in 1963, will give the flavour of a Niflheim type afterlife. It makes the blatant threats of the Christian Hell look quite crude.

In studies conducted at McGill, rich hallucinatory experiences were evoked and these, as the Norse would expect, were related to the subjects' needs and habits. For example, a normal woman troubled with obesity felt her limbs swelling and becoming heavy. A religiously directed adolescent heard church bells ringing when these are absent. Schizophrenic patients reported hallucinations typical to their disorder. In total, 25 of 29 cases of the normals hallucinated. Coloured dream states were common. Confusion, apathy, difficulty in directing thought, restlessness, boredom, disruption of perception and emotional disturbances were the rule. This all occurred within a 72 hour period of isolation.

U.S.A. there was some stimulation present. But here ten persons were studied and only five were able to make the full 10½ hours isolation required.

Mr. O. Sveen: Complete disorder then produces timelessness. How do you think the Norse were able to imagine this condition?

Dr. Nelson: Well, some forms of hallucinogenic drugs produce this form of Hel. The Norse were not given to this vice however, at all, so far as we know. It is more likely that certain persons reported experiences after being buried in snow slides or while surviving wrecks at sea that developed the idea of a Niflheim timeless through its disorder. We have a great number of reports from shipwrecked or solitary sailors, those imprisoned in caves or patients living in respirators that give most of the phenomena of sensory deprivation.

Also the Norse may have used reports made by those suffering delirium tremens because prolonged excessive drinking produces effects producing the time of Niflheim. We can't know certainly of course where the idea came from.

This is all we have time for today. Next time, we shall consider the time characteristics implied by Ragnok, the final destruction of the world of gods and men and then put the whole matter of time in the pagan Norse world together.

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